NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting November 6, 2013 MINUTES

Location: Newton Free Library, Meeting Room B

Adults: Matt Green, Terry Sack, Stephanie Lapham

Guests: Tom Pomeroy, Tasia Cerezo, John Panica, Jay Harney

Staff: Jennifer O'Leary

Youth: Hannah Lass, Eliza Beth, Jacob Prince, Jonah Kan, Jared Perlo, Eli

Lerner, Anton Malin, Alexander Marks-Katz, Med Bekenya, Molly

Pushner, Samuel Fidler

The meeting was opened at 7:10PM.

A vote to accept the minutes of October 2, 2013 was passed.

Treasurer's Report:

- The budget for FY 2014 is \$2,500

- Expenses to date include:

\$0.00

\$2,500.00 Balance

\$586.12 Revolving Account Balance

Business:

<u>Update from the Mayor's Public Service Interns:</u>

- Have been a part of three focus groups for youth stress
- Narrowing down topics and looking to pilot Time Management in January
- Meet with Engaging Minds to work on teen presentation
- Some NTV representatives are also attending teen meetings on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health

Commission Changes:

- Update group on meeting with the Mayor
- Ordinance change to include METCO students would also be a good time to update mission, goals and purpose in ordinance
- Discussion of mission and goals
 - o Representation of youth voice in decisions throughout the city
 - Be seen as an authority on youth programs somewhere to ask teens if programs will float or flop
 - o Raise awareness of the commission
 - o Connect with governing bodies at the schools
 - Guidelines for the types of programs that people could present to the commission

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer O'Leary